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APPLICANT : Littman et al.
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FOR : METHOD OF IDENTIFYING G-COUPLED RECEPTORS
ASSOCIATED WITH MACROPHAGE-TROPHIC HIV, AND
DIAGNOSTIC AND THERAPEUTIC USES THEREOF

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INTERVIEW SUMMARY

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Sir:

A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) was filed in the present application on December 14, 2005. Applicants' agent of record, Veronica Mallon, requested a telephonic interview with Examiner Bao Q. Li and Examiner James Housel to discuss the claims under consideration. Such an interview was held on February 28, 2006. In that interview, Applicants' representatives, Veronica Mallon and David Smith, and Applicant, Dr. Dan Littman, discussed the claims as currently pending and the differences between the claimed invention and the art cited in the previous rejection. Examiner Housel suggested that Applicants could differentiate over the cited references if the claim language was amended to reflect that Applicants' methods incorporate the step of

measuring the fusion of the macrophage-tropic virus HIV to the target cell using specific methods as described in the present application.

Fees

It is believed that no fees are necessary in connection with this submission. However, a check in the amount of \$150.00 is enclosed herewith to cover the new claims submitted as a small entity with the attached amendment and response. If any other fees are due, authorization is hereby given to charge Deposit Account No. 11-1153 for any underpayment.

Conclusion

Based on the foregoing discussion, Applicants' representatives and Applicant thanked the Examiners and noted that such suggestions would be considered and that amended claims would be submitted for consideration.

A Non-Final Office Action was then mailed on March 14, 2006, for which a response is due June 14, 2006. The claim amendments discussed above are now submitted for consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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